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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph running from page 16, line 16 to page 17, line 4 with the following replacement paragraph:

According to another feature of the present invention (see, FIG. 1) there is provided a cover plate 140 mountable on an inner surface of rear wall of the base 20 so as to prevent inadvertent access to the electrically conductive parts of electrical fixtures and to conceal the wiring thereof. The cover plate is made of a material suitable for use with an electrical fixture (e.g., plastic, composites) and fabricated by conventional methods (e.g., molding, machining). The cover plate 140 (see, FIG. 13) is a generally planar substrate and has a set of removable ribs. The location and arrangement of these removable ribs are shown as dashed outlines. The cover plate is generally rectangular shaped. However, it is to be understood that a cover plate having other shapes (e.g. oval or square shaped) is within the spirit of the present invention. As discussed in more detail below, by removing a particular rib or combination of ribs, different types of openings can be created to allow the cover plate to be used with different kinds of electrical fixtures. The removable ribs may be created by partially cutting them out of the cover plate, pre-scoring the cover plate or by other conventional methods generally used in the industry for making removable parts.

Please replace the paragraph running from page 19, line 23 to page 20, line 8 with the following replacement paragraph:

In a preferred embodiment of the present invention (see, FIG. 13), the cover plate has ~~[[a]] an upper concave shaped upper recess or arcuate cut-out section~~ 80 disposed on one top corner, a first horizontally elongated mounting hole 82 disposed on an opposite top corner, a

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lower concave shaped recess or arcuate cut-out section 84 disposed on a bottom corner diagonally opposite from the upper corner where the upper recess 80 is disposed and a second horizontally elongated mounting hole 86 disposed on an opposite bottom corner. The mounting holes 82, 86 are disposed to register with the cover plate holes 44 when the cover plate is positioned over the rear wall 30 (see, FIG. 1) of the base 20 and enable the cover plate to be mounted to the rear wall of the base using fasteners (e.g., screws). The recesses 80, 84 and elongated mounting holes 82, 86 make it easier to position or remove the cover plate from the rear wall 30 when mounting or removing the enclosure from a support structure.